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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed on October 13, 2006, the time for response to which extending to and including January 16, 2007 (this being the first business day after January 13, a Saturday, and January 15, a Federal holiday in the District of Columbia), Applicants respectfully submit the following revisions and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.